



## ***Cole Camp High School***

***District: Cole Camp R-I Schools***  
***Building Enrollment: 268***  
***Grade Range: 9-12***



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### ***A Snapshot of Cole Camp High School...***

In northern Benton County, Missouri, where the Ozarks meet the great prairies, sits the historic community of Cole Camp. This tiny agricultural town bustles with activities that reflect its proud German heritage. Festivals and heritage events bring the town's history to life. Well-kept homes line the streets, and active churches and civic organizations keep residents engaged in their community.

Cole Camp takes great pride in its heritage but also places great value upon the future of its youth, and the school is a focal point of the community. Cole Camp High School serves not only the students of Cole Camp, but also those living in the surrounding rural areas. Established in 1903, the school was reorganized in 1960 to consolidate several smaller rural schools in the area. The community rallied around the school in 1999, passing a bond levy for a \$2.7 million addition to the high school. Today, Cole Camp High School serves 268 students in grades nine through twelve.

*Cole Camp High School's Mission: "We adhere to and support the idea that the primary purposes of the public schools are the maximum intellectual development of each individual, cultivated through successful teaching, and the nurturing of the ability to apply knowledge empowered by successful learning, the outcomes of which are based on observable, measurable behaviors. We are committed to the provision of an excellent program of instruction fostering life-long learners 'aiming for excellence'."*

### ***Cole Camp High School--Five Core Beliefs***

This town's high school embraces five core beliefs that define the community's expectations and illustrate a commitment to excellence.

*Cole Camp High School believes that the development of district goals and clearly defined objectives are essential when all children are expected to learn. Cole Camp High School has developed a rigorous, research-based curriculum that is aligned to Missouri's Show-Me Standards and Grade Level Expectations.*

***"...it is essential to provide a curriculum basis for our students to be successful on the MAP."***

A rotating five-year revision cycle allows curriculum and resources to keep pace with the ever-changing needs of students. Regular analysis of a variety of data, including MAP Crystal Reports, attendance, drop-out rates and course enrollment, guides teachers in making sure that all students make progress toward their educational goals. As a result of these diligent efforts, the district has been honored with a “Distinction in Performance” designation for three of the last four years on the Missouri Annual Performance Report.

*Cole Camp High School believes that improving student learning and the development of the whole child can best be accomplished when students, teachers, administrators, the school board, families, the community and businesses work together.* Cole Camp High School actively fosters partnerships to promote, enhance and support the various programs that are available to students. Students, parents, teachers and representatives of the business

***“We believe it takes a team effort to become successful.”***

community work together on advisory committees to establish relevant goals and objectives for the school’s vocational programs, ensuring that graduates have the necessary skills to be successful in the workplace. The school also enjoys community support from booster organizations that provide funding for students to compete, perform and showcase their talents.

*Cole Camp High School believes that parents are the primary teachers of children.* Cole Camp High School engages parents in their children’s education through an open, proactive approach to communication. Fall parent-teacher conferences set the tone for year-long networking, with over 75 percent of parents in attendance.

*Cole Camp High School believes that in order for students to learn the objectives of each course and content area, they must come to school.* A welcoming culture encourages Cole Camp High School students to come to school. Administrators and teachers are visible and available both during and outside the school day to support students in their endeavors.

*Cole Camp High School believes that one of educators’ primary responsibilities is to develop young people who enjoy learning and are inquisitive, industrious, life-long learners.* Cole Camp High School teachers instill a love of learning in their students by using student-centered instructional methods that accommodate many learning styles. Cooperative learning, mastery teaching, and technology-assisted instruction encourage students to become engaged in the learning process. A variety of extracurricular activities extend the curriculum, allowing students to apply the knowledge and skills they learn in class and to develop self confidence and leadership skills.

#### **Gold Star Practices – What’s Working at Cole Camp High School**

- ★ ***Each fall, Cole Camp High School Student Council is responsible for welcoming students back to school. Their involvement fosters a sense of pride and ownership in the school.***
- ★ ***Cole Camp High School has created a partnership with State Fair Career and Technical Center in Sedalia, Missouri, allowing students to develop vocational skills that they can take directly into the workforce following graduation.***
- ★ ***Monthly early release days allow teachers and administrators to work together to pursue common professional development goals.***

*Together, Cole Camp High School staff and students create a caring learning environment where students “Aim for Excellence.”*